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The Pope's Grievance

Pope Leo XIII was grieved because the Methodists established missions and schools in Rome and papal organs denounced their presence as "an insult to the holy father." The *North-Western Christian Advocate*, ten years ago, printed an editorial on "The Pope's Grievance Against the Methodists," and quoted the *Tablet*, the leading Roman Catholic organ in London at that time, as follows:

"The holy father was moved by his own pastoral solicitude to give prominence to Catholic defense against the heretical propaganda. He acted on his own initiative and his words were an agreeable surprise to those who are directing the work. It is the lowest form of proselytism, which would not be tolerated by public opinion in England, that is practiced by English and American Methodists in Rome—broad and butter and blankets for the poor people in return for their apostasy from the faith of their fathers. They take advantage of the extreme poverty which prevails and use unblushing bribery to induce destitute families to silence the admonitions of conscience. It is a new experience for the pastors in Rome to see the faith of their flock imperiled and, perhaps, it is not to be wondered at that the parish priests, zealous as they are, have not yet realized the full danger of the situation."

Today Pope Benedict XV is grieving in the same way. Rome will see her children starve for want of mental and physical food rather than let them be cared for by any but a Catholic school or charity, and Methodists, as well as all other Protestants, are called "emissaries of Satan" because they can and do educate and otherwise provide for the poor and neglected children of Catholic Rome.

The base hypocrisy of Rome is too apparent to be ignored, even by the casual observer, for here in the United States the Roman Catholic authorities are pleading for "religious liberty" in Mexico while the pope is denouncing Protestants in Rome as "emissaries of Satan," and is branding their educational institutions as "pestilential schools." The following dispatch from Rome, taken from the *New York American*, November 24, 1915, will show the same spirit of intolerance, and hatred toward non-Catholic enterprise, in Benedict XV as was expressed by Leo XIII:

Rome, Nov. 23.—Pope Benedict received a delegation of the Association for the Preservation of the Faith in audience at the Vatican today. Addressing them, the pope said:

"We would do you a great wrong, children, if we did not believe you fully conscious that faith is a treasure more precious than worldly goods, because faith is the root, the foundation of a Christian life. For this reason, we deem it superfluous to demonstrate that he who robs of faith must be given the name of thief."

"But what else do these emissaries of Satan do here by creating in the middle of the Holy City temples where God's true cult is denied? By opening pestilential schools to propagate errors among the people and diffuse lies and calumny against the Catholic religion and its institutions?"

"These diabolical arts are two. In the first place, there are many attacks upon the faith of the sons of Rome. These are most dangerous, because frequently more insidious insofar as they are often accompanied by offers of material advantages. Pity the poor father to whom is offered the free education of his children at the cost of their withdrawal from the church. Pity the children, to whom is promised help for their aged relatives on condition that parents and children enroll in the evangelical sect."

When the pope curses non-Catholic schools in Rome he curses them throughout the world, for Catholicism is the same today as it was yesterday and a thousand years ago. "Catholics are the same at all times and in all places" said Priest D. S.

Phelan, AND HE KNEW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT.

The Roman Catholic church may appear to be tolerant today in order to get its traps set for the game that may come tomorrow, but deep down under the treacherous surface of things the spirit of the Inquisition still burns. The determination to rule or ruin is dominant and will assert itself in swift and vicious vengeance when opportunity arises.

That the Roman Catholic church is the only institution having authority to teach ALL PEOPLE, Catholic and non-Catholic, is insisted by all official representatives of Rome. Catholics are taught and believe that the pope is the sole arbiter in matters of faith and morals, infallible, and to be obeyed without question and without faltering in all things. All Roman Catholics are COMMANDED to place their children in none but Catholic schools, and that command was reiterated, and obedience to it urged, by the Third Plenary Council at Baltimore under pain of "grievous sin."

So Pope Benedict XV is grieved at the "pestilential schools" in Rome and the same grief and peevishness is felt toward our public school system in the United States. Not being of and for Rome, they must either be brought into church control or be destroyed. No Roman Catholic can successfully deny that his church has ulterior designs against the institutions and government of this nation.

New Bishop of Buffalo

Right Rev. Dennis J. Dougherty, D. D., Bishop of Jaro, Philippine Islands, has been transferred to the Buffalo diocese to succeed the late Bishop Colton.

Bishop Dougherty was transferred to Jaro from the diocese of Nueva Segovia in 1908 where he had served for five years. In this connection it will be remembered that a demonstration of Rome's hatred of Protestantism and disrespect for the Bible, as it is known and loved by Protestants, was given in Vigan, Ilocos Sur, the principal city of the diocese, early in 1914 when several hundred Bibles were burned in public by Roman Catholics under the supervision of an American friar by the name of Tompkins.

Though Bishop Dougherty had been out of that diocese for some time it is not at all unlikely that his residence and influence had prepared the ground for just such a heathen ceremony, and we wonder how an American city will welcome a Roman Catholic bishop from a place where such pagan rites have so recently been witnessed.

The Philippine Islands have felt the closing clutch of Catholicism for ages. Bishop Dougherty has been active in those islands for twelve years or more and has witnessed if not ordered much of the oppression and plunder his church has visited upon the natives. From the Bible-burning Philippines to Buffalo, the home of Bishop Burt, is a far cry, but there is, perhaps, a purpose.

Let us hope that none of the curiously pernicious practices of the Roman Catholic church in the Philippines will follow Dougherty to Buffalo.

One of the books suggested by the *Tablet* for non-Catholics to read is Cardinal Jim Gibbon's book, "The Faith of Our Fathers." Non-Catholic readers can get more information in regard to "The Faith of the Fathers," by reading *THE MENACE*!

CHRISTMAS

BY CHARLES IDEN

'Tis Christmas! But what of the weary,
Who bend neath a burden too great?
Their souls shrink in terror from shadows
That haunt them through years as they pray,
(No, not to Rome's images, pagan,
Which reason has taught them to hate.)
But Him whom alone they can turn to
When Rome steals their freedom away.

'Tis Christmas! And these are so hungry,
Yes, starved for the things that they need—
The face of a friend, or the gladness
That glows in a mother's sweet smile.
These prisoners of Rome are in bondage
To error and death as they plead
For strength to endure oppression;
To pray for release after while.

'Tis Christmas! But yonder in prison,
Behind the thick walls, in the gloom,
Are those who have loved life and freedom;
Who yearn for it now, and despair.
Their days are a penance of silence;
Their nights are a touch of the tomb;
Their prison is known as a convent,
And life is all sorrow and prayer.

A NEW PRESS MUZZLE BILL

Opening of the Sixty-Fourth Congress Marked by the Introduction of a Press Gag Bill—Independent Publishers Are Still to Be Harassed by Political Pinheads of Popery—The Latest Proposed Measure the Most Absurd of All

64TH CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION. H. R. 491.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DECEMBER 6, 1915.

MR. SIEGEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To amend the postal laws.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3 That whenever a complaint in writing shall be filed with
4 the Postmaster General that any publication making use of
5 or being sent through the mails contains any article therein
6 which tends to expose any race, creed, or religion to either
7 hatred, contempt, ridicule, or obloquy, he shall forthwith
8 cause an investigation to be made under his direction and
9 shall within twenty days after receipt of such complaint, if
10 the facts contained therein are true, make an order forbidding
11 the further use of the mails to any such publication, but
12 nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prevent the
13 Postmaster General from restoring such use of the mails to
14 any such publication whenever it shall be established to his
15 satisfaction that the publication has ceased to print or pub-
16 lish such prohibited matter and given him satisfactory assur-
17 ances in writing that there will be no further repetition of
18 the same.

The above is a draft of House Bill H. R. 491, the first press-muzzle to be presented to the sixty-fourth Congress, introduced by Representative Siegel, Dec. 6, referred to the committee on post office and post roads and ordered to be printed.

Readers of *THE MENACE* are well acquainted with the almost superhuman efforts of Roman Catholics to get a bill passed last Congress which would give the postmaster general power to exclude newspapers, magazines, etc., from the United States mails indiscriminately.

In course of discussion of the various bills of this nature which were presented to the last Congress, it invariably developed that the Roman Catholic hierarchy was the guiding spirit behind the measures and that they were all designed for the benefit of *THE MENACE*, Tom Watson's publications and others of like character.

In the majority of cases the bills were actually brought forward by Romanists and Knights of Columbus. In this case we have a different line up. Representative Siegel, of New York, is a Jew. Of all strange things, the strangest, it seems, would be an alliance between Jews and Roman Catholics. Which would indicate that the Romanists have taken advantage of Tom Watson's stand in the Frank case to sufficiently poison Siegel and steel his nerve to the point of championing the above preposterous and nefarious measure.

The paper knows that if they are the authors of such measures as the one proposed by Siegel, the patriotic press can more easily see the point and can oppose them to better advantage, so they think it wise to work behind the screens and throw the fight on the shoulders of a Jew.

Who They Are After

No man who has followed these fights closely for the past two years could be in doubt as to what papers these proposed bills are designed to "get." Many of the supporters of these measures have been frank enough to name the publications which they sought to slaughter. The Catholic press has even let the cat out of the bag on numerous occasions. A paper that made the story particularly plain was *The Hypocrite*, now defunct but formerly published at Washington, N. J., and launched for the purpose of fighting *THE MENACE* and securing its seclusion from the mails. *The Hypocrite* (well named) for April 1st, 1915, contained an article under the head, "Shall *THE MENACE* Live—You Can Help to Kill It—the United States Mails Must

The Protestant Side

The Roman hierarchy succeeded in bringing before the last Congress so many press-muzzle bills (all of which were unsuccessful) that we shall not here attempt to mention them in order or even by name, but press references concerning the fight of a year ago are valuable now for the reason that it seems as though we were in for another long siege of the same kind of activity. Speaking of one of these measures, and of

in general, the *Methodist Protestant* of a year ago said:

This howl against anti-Catholic papers comes with bad grace from an organization that is actually vindictive in its attacks upon Protestantism, and any institutions that have grown up under its influence. Protestant ministers are designated as upstarts, with no authority to propagate religion. The churches are looked upon as mere gathering places for heretics. The marriage service is openly called in question when performed by a Protestant clergyman, and the children of such a marriage are called illegitimate. The public schools are denounced as godless dens of vice and shame, and the very civilization which Protestantism has built up is characterized as a sin against God and humanity because it is not under the domination of the pope. These are the awful things that appear in Catholic papers time and again, and yet no Protestant has ever hinted that these papers should be excluded from the mails. We have no idea that Congress will be so unwise as to heed this heartless cry, but if it does it will at once produce a situation in this country from which Catholics themselves may well shrink. But the very brazenness of this movement shows more convincingly than we have ever been able to tell it, that the nation must awake to this awful menace, which, had it the power, would sweep us into the anarchy and ignorance, the crime and poverty of Mexico and Spain.

In its issue of January 22, last, *The Reform Bulletin*, published at Albany, N. Y., and edited by the Rev. O. R. Miller, scented the danger of such legislation and interpreted the far reaching plot of the hierarchy as follows:

The latest scheme of the Knights of Columbus and the Roman Catholic hierarchy is this. They are making almost superhuman efforts to get a law passed by Congress, giving the Postmaster General power to suppress all papers which he considers immoral, or which attack any church or religion, as they say. If they succeed in getting such a law passed this winter or next winter, then the great national issue of 1916 will be fought out in this country on the question of who shall be Postmaster General of this nation.

The price which any candidate for President will have to pay in order to get the support of the Roman Catholic church in the presidential election of 1916 will be to make a definite promise in advance to appoint as Postmaster General the man agreed upon by the Roman Catholic hierarchy of this country, headed by Cardinal Gibbons. And if a pliable tool of Romanism is appointed as Postmaster General, it is trifling to think what may happen during his administration. He would immediately withdraw the second class mail privileges from every paper which speaks unfriendly of him or of any Catholic leaders or the Jesuits.

Many religious papers which are now more and more beginning to find their backbone and to say things, would also be forbidden the use of the second class mailing privileges, which would mean the suppression of all such papers. The *Reform Bulletin* of course, or any paper that dares speak with the boldness with which we spoke during the last political campaign in this State, would immediately be suppressed.

The *Western Recorder*, a Baptist publication, issue of February 18, 1915, referred to one of these Romanist press-muzzle measures and stated the Protestant attitude very clearly. It said:

Congressman Gallivan, from Massachusetts has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives, empowering the Postmaster General to exclude from the mails any publication containing anything "reflecting on any form of worship."

We have long ago found that no limit could be fixed to the audacity of the devotees of some cults, but that is beyond the bounds hitherto fixed by our judgment or fancy. It is not difficult to see where this proposed legislation would land us. Not only would it throttle the freedom of the press, but abridge the constitutional rights of every American citizen. It would also lead to the possible suppression of every real Protestant and Baptist paper in the United States. Any Protestant that is worthy of the name, will protest against this form and fashion of Romanism, and every Baptist who preaches the Gospel must reflect on papal supremacy and the form of worship, and a multitude of other things practiced by our Roman friends. *

Should our law-makers so far forget themselves, (and they never will,) as to enact such a law, it would be promptly declared unconstitutional. But even should the courts sustain such a law, its enforcement would be absolutely impossible. A sovereign people would never submit to such tyranny, even if revolution were necessary to resist it.

The obvious object of the bill is the suppression of anti-Catholic papers. If such papers misrepresent or malign anyone, ample redress may be obtained in our courts without resorting to the Star Chamber, or the Inquisition. This proposed legal abortion is too barbarous to merit serious consideration. Such a law might meet the wishes of the ecclesiastical inquisitors of the Middle Ages, but it will not commend itself to the liberty-loving freemen of the twentieth

century. Free speech, a free pen, and free schools, are the hope and stay of the Stars and Stripes. The man who opposes these, is an enemy to our American institutions, and a traitor to the highest interests of our Republic.

We are willing to admit that we do not believe such a fool-measure as the Siegel bill will be given serious attention by Congress, yet our past experience teaches us that it pays to watch.

In all probability the present Congress will be flooded with these bills just as the last one. In any event it behooves every patriotic citizen to keep in close touch with his congressman and United States Senator, keeping them informed as to the sentiments of the people and giving them to understand that the American people will under no circumstances stand for any legislation that will in any way whatever curtail the liberty of speech or of the press.

A Tribute to Boles

A brief notice of the death of Rev. W. H. Boles, which occurred at his home in Alma, Ill., Tuesday, Dec. 7th, was made in last week's *MENACE*. Only a telegram announced the death and few details could be given. It develops that death was caused from dropsy and kidney trouble and attributed to the great strain which he has undergone during the last few years in his strenuous campaign against Rum and Romanism.

THE MENACE staff was personally and intimately acquainted with this great and good man, and while there are many things we would like to say about him, his friend and comrade, John H. Duncan, of Marion, Ill., has done it so much better than we could that we quote a few excerpts from his tribute printed in a recent issue of a local Marion paper:

W. H. Boles was a patriot. He loved his country. The lesson of the statesman sank deep into his soul. When a lad of only twelve he saw his father's body brought home from the battlefield of Belmont, where, under the gallant Logan and surrounded by his comrades of the old 51st Illinois regiment, he had shed his life's blood. He was one of the early martyrs to the union cause in the western field, and from that date his son, the younger Boles had been a champion of the union and a defender of the flag. His last great fight was made in defense of the American flag, the American home, and American institutions and against Romanism. He believed that the priest-hood of the Catholic church teaches and practices things that are not only a menace to the morals of the nation, but in reality are treason against the government. The fight he made along this line in many of the large cities of the country will not soon be forgotten by those who attended his meetings. In this campaign he again was called upon to face the mob. He was assaulted a number of times and dragged from the platform. His life was threatened again and again and he was in constant danger of assassination. But the iron nerve of W. H. Boles never showed to better advantage. He defied the mob. The spirit of martyrdom was again in evidence. He had made up his mind to die if need be in defense of a cause he deemed to be right.

In his early life W. H. Boles felt the pinch of poverty. His struggle for an education that he might be better prepared to enter the ministry, caused him days and years of bitter self-denial. His own experience made his soul burn in sympathy with the poor and the unfortunate. It was his great ambition that at some time in some manner he could aid materially in the education of poor boys. Above all he had a strong and abiding faith in his Maker. He loved his church with a passionate zeal. He believed the Bible was the inspired word of God and had no patience or sympathy with the higher criticism of the day. He was thoroughly devoted to his family. Their comfort always called for his best efforts and he never spared himself. He was a man of pure thoughts and acts and an optimist of high degree. For more than forty years I have known him in timidity, and I can never forget his ringing laugh and cheerful manner, even under the most trying circumstances.

W. H. Boles was my friend and brother, which fact explains this brief tribute to his memory.

The old death bed gag is being worked with hysterical frenzy by priests after they have discussed the ways of the younger generation of Catholics. The sons and daughters of Catholics are going to Harvard, or Yale, to Wellesley, Vassar or Smith's College, and the priests are suddenly very much in love with the souls of these young people! "Bitter indeed, shrieks a priest, 'will be the death-bed of parents who have yielded, in spite of the pastor's protests in permitting tender children to learn skepticism if not worse from the lectures in these colleges!'"

In Essex, England, a shrine has been established called "Lady of Consolation," which means ceaseless help o money call for the priest. Tickets are sold for masses at \$5.00 for six masses and all sorts of inducements are offered to separate the ignorant from their money. The priest conducting the stand wrote of people sending money for masses to be said for bread! O yes, the priest keeps the money; the county infirmaries or Protestant charities can furnish bread!

Education unshackles the mind, burns the fetters of superstition and sets the captive free. True, free unfettered education is destructive of Romanism.

Make Rome Protect Children

The Peabody, Mass., parochial school fire, in which 22 little children lost their lives because Romanish greed and disrespect for law and life had ignored the necessity for proper provision for safety, has not been forgotten. The Peabody building was a fire trap and it is safe to say that few if any of Rome's institutions are built and maintained in safe and sanitary manner, though the price paid for their construction and equipment has been ample for all needs of that nature in most cases.

Safety appliances, ample exits and fire extinguishers cost money, and evasion of building laws is too often negotiated by the infamously greedy ones who plan and build houses in which little children are to be gathered under the Romanish eye for instruction in superstitious error and strict obedience to the priest and pope. Four walls, a roof and a floor are enough—the money that should go for fire escapes, extinguishers and fire-proof doors is expended in locks and bars on doors and windows, tunnels, pipe organs and idolatrous knickknacks.

But Cincinnati has taken a lesson from the Peabody catastrophe and has ordered necessary changes made in the private and parochial schools in that city. At least nine of the schools mentioned in the following account taken from the *Cincinnati Commercial Tribune*, December 11, 1915, are Roman Catholic institutions. The inference is plain—if Rome can and does so extensively violate the building code in Cincinnati it is reasonable to suspect that she is equally evasive of laws intended to safeguard human life in all other cities.

The murderous cruelty of Rome's insatiable greed, as so terrible expressed in the results at Peabody, was exposed in these columns while Peabody was yet in mourning. Rome's arrogant disrespect for law will ever be exposed by *THE MENACE* until justice is had. Cincinnati has heard our warning and begun action.

The *Commercial Tribune* says: Building Commissioner Rendigs made his first report on his examination of the private and parochial schools. Many of the schools are not up to the standard and it will cost thousands of dollars to comply with the orders of the Commissioner. The following is a list of the schools and the changes which will have to be made: Franklin School, 2853 May street, provide fire escape and egress from second floor, fire-proof partitions, change doors so they swing outward and overhaul the electric wiring.

Ursuline Academy, 2808 Reading road, provide other means of egress from the third floor, provide second floor with additional egress, swing all doors outward, inclose stairs in basement with fire-proof partitions, provide fire-escape windows between boiler and cloakroom and provide additional means of egress from the second floor.

St. Mary's School, Shady lane and Astoria, swing the doors of the assembly rooms and basement outward, provide fire-proof doors between cellar and boiler room and provide two fire extinguishers for each floor.

St. Mary's Annex, 2831 Erie avenue, swing class doors outward and provide each floor with fire extinguishers.

Lady of Perpetual Help, 622 Delhi avenue, all class doors to swing outward, all doors to boiler room to be fire-proof, remove wood and rubbish from basement stairway and provide fire extinguishers for each floor.

Elder High School, Price Hill, relocate gas stoves so that fumes do not pass through wood partitions, change all doors to open outward and provide fire extinguishers for each classroom.

St. Michael's School, 2118 Michaels street, increase main exits and vestibule doors to 50 inches, entrance between church and stairs to have self-closing doors, remove wood platform from stair hall on first floor, remove all boxes and wood from the cellar and provide fire extinguishers.

St. Michael School, 2100 St. Michael street, fire-proof scenery in auditorium, swing all class doors outward, remove rubbish under stairway in boiler room, close spaces under stairway in boiler room with fire-proof partitions, provide due for gas stove in kitchen and provide fire extinguishers for each classroom.

St. Francis de Sales, 1612 Madison road, fireproof all scenery, provide self-closing fireproof doors between the boiler room and hall, repair roof with asbestos about the flues and provide fire extinguishers.

Holy Family School, 3001 Price avenue, provide two additional means of egress from the balcony, fireproof scenery, fire extinguishers for the auditorium, balcony and classrooms, fire doors at each end of the tunnel between the church and school, remove all rubbish from cellar, provide sufficient means of egress from the class and lecture rooms, remove hot-air duct and the floor over the opening, inclose organ motor in fireproof partition and provide fire extinguishers for each floor.

Blessed Sacrament School, 2335 Wilder avenue, fireproof stage scenery, remove rubbish, boxes, oil cans and paint buckets from the boiler room, inclose heater room, fireproof partition and provide fire extinguishers for each floor.

Building Commissioner Rendigs sent out notices to all the schools named and said he would give them a reasonable time to comply with his orders. In the event of neglect he will order the schools closed.